Annexure __ VIII

Justification for locating the project in forest land

Tomka-Mangalpur/Damodar Road (ODR) is an important PWD road link between NH 5A at Tomka Square and NH 53 at Damodar spreading over a length of 43 km is existing since long. It passes through 21 villages of Sukinda and Danagadi Tahasil of Jaipur District.

Moreover it is the only road inside Sukinda valley which is used for communication of above villagers to Dist and state head quarter and other places of importance. It is also used for transportation of mining ore from different mines of the valley to different industries of the state and abroad.

The present proposal is only for widening and strengthening of the exiting road to four lane to reduce heavy traffic load congestion, road accidents, and to enhance production and transportation of chromium ore for different industries of the state to enrich the state exchequer and value addition to national economy. Moreover propose of widening is to uplift the socio economic condition of the tribal people of the valley. In-view of the above the district administration has allotted fund from District Mineral Foundation Trust, Jajpur for completion of the project. Hence there is no alternative to divert the alignment of the road to exclude the forest land involved in the project. However, barest minimum of forest land have been included while widening and strengthening of the road with other road facilities.

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